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Our Case No.: 10781/9

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Ioannis G. Pallikaris et al.

Serial No.: 09/911,356

Filing Date: July 23, 2001

For: DEVICE FOR SEPARATING THE
EPITHELIUM LAYER FROM THE
SURFACE OF THE CORNEA OF
AN EYE

Examiner: Not yet assigned

Group Art Unit No.: 2873

FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the

Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

The references now cited are the following:

No.	Date	Name
5,279,611	January 18, 1994	McDonnell et al.
5,492,135	February 20, 1996	DeVore et al.
5,807,381	September 15, 1998	Lieberman
OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)		
Ioannis G. Pallikaris, MD, Maria E. Papatzanaki, MD, Evdoxia Z. Stathi, MD, Oliver Frenschöck, and Anthimos Georgiadis, PhD, <i>Laser in Situ Keratomileusis</i> , Lasers in Surgery and Medicine, Vol.10 pgs. 463-468, 1990.		
Stephen L. Trokel, M.D., R. Srinivasan, PhD., and Bodil Baren, B.A., <i>Excimer Laser Surgery of the Cornea</i> , Vol. 96, No. 6, pgs.710-715, 1983.		
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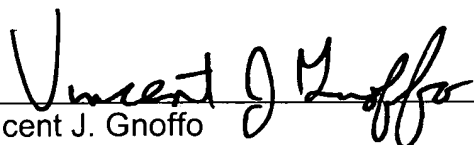
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

This First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of the first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these material, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

Some of the information disclosed in this First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a patent office in a counterpart foreign application (copy of search report enclosed).

Applicant(s) respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,



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LIST OF PATENTS AND PUBLICATIONS FOR APPLICANT'S INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT	FILING DATE July 23, 2001	GROUP ART UNIT 2873
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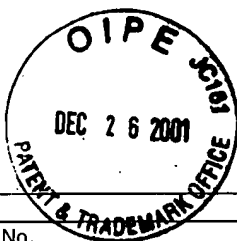
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 10781/9
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Inventor(s) Ioannis G. Pallikaris et al			
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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Transmittal Cover Letter (1p. Filed in Dup.); Information Disclosure Statement (3pp. Filed in Dup.); Form PTO 1449 (1p. 6 cited references); Copy of PCT search report; and PTO Reply Postcard.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
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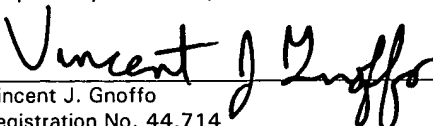
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